

N. Somerville of the Free church of Scotland, wrote as follows :

"The Bible may be compared to a magnificent edifice that took sixteen centuries to rear. Its architect and builder is God. Like this beautiful world, the work of the same author it bears upon it everywhere the impress of a hand Divine. This majestic temple contains sixty-six chambers, capacious, yet in size unequal—the 66 books of the Old and New Testaments. Each of its 31,173 verses is a stone, a beam, a panel of the great building, which is a temple more glorious far than those of Solomon and of Zerubbabel * * * No portion of this wonderful structure will the Lord suffer to be mutilated or defiled." A verse or a chapter might not be missed by man, but God would miss it in the preparation of His people for the great day of final accounts.

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OUR SCHOOL.

A Voice From a Student.

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Brethren, have you seen the "Announcement Extraordinary" in EVANGELIST No. 4, of this present volume? Did you notice that it meant \$3.00 per week would pay all necessary expense, except incidentals, for the coming spring term at Ashland University? Are you aware that this would only pay for the boarding at many schools? Now read the offer again and study it carefully, and if any of you have children that you would like to give an education, send them to Ashland College this spring. If any of our younger brethren have been teaching, or desire to teach, and wish to qualify themselves further for the work let them grasp this opportunity. Now is the chance to get twelve week's instruction,—the best in the land—and get it cheap.

As a student of the College, and one that is trying to qualify himself for the work of the Lord, I am exceedingly anxious that the school should prosper. The two years that I have spent at Ashland University I consider to be by far the best two years of my life. And I sincerely hope that the Brethren will so cause the school to flourish that the time I have yet to spend may be still more profitable.

Brethren, put your shoulders to the wheel and save our school. We cannot depend upon Ashland county to furnish all the students. In the last few years the young people of Ashland county and neighboring counties have drifted off to other schools, because we allowed our school to go down for a season. Now, we must survive until we can get them

started again to Ashland. Do you know that of all the students now in the literary departments of our school, only fourteen of them are either members of the Brethren church or are sent by Brethren parents? This seems startling, for a church of 12,000 members, in this intelligent age, but it is nevertheless true. It is the only school the Brethren can call their own and yet it is only patronized by fourteen of their members. "I speak this to your shame." "Shall I praise you in this? I praise you not."

Now, Brethren, we believe that you will all go together and lift the College debt according to the plan of last conference. But this is not all you must do. You must patronize the school, especially in her infancy. We have one of the best schools in the land. We have a faculty that can not be beaten in any school of the same rank. They are energetic, enthusiastic, intelligent men and women. They enthuse each student with an earnest zeal for careful study. All of last year's students that have gone to school any where this year have returned to Ashland. The teachers take such a deep interest in the advancement of each student that we cannot avoid being exceedingly pleased with them. Yes, the professors are doing all they can to make the school a success. But the question is, what are the Brethren at large doing?

Everything is hustle and bustle about the College from 7:15 in the morning until after three o'clock in the afternoon. There are no drones at Ashland University. All we need is more good working bees to fill up the hive, and a good work will be accomplished for the church and the world at large.

Brethren, wake up. O, that I had the power to stir you up and make you interested in our school as I am interested! Do not think, because our school is yet small, that as good work can not be done here as elsewhere. In many respects better work can be done here than in the school of a thousand or more students. Here we have the advantage of reciting every day while in larger schools we would not be called upon but once or twice in a term. Here we can daily converse and associate with our professors while the professors of larger schools have very little time to spend with a student. Here we have better surrounding influence than in many places. So I could enumerate many noble features of Ashland University *the school of the Brethren*. Let us then have a large increase in the number of our students for this coming spring term. Let not Pennsylvania wait on Indiana, or Indiana on Ohio, but not one waiting on the other, let each take

hold of the matter and let us have a good representation of all the churches. Let us have two students from each congregation in the brotherhood, and let each of them induce as many more to come with them as possible. It is impossible to run the school without students. The school must be patronized. Let each pastor urge this matter. And not only the pastors, but let every brother and sister take hold of it with zeal and earnestness, and thus set our school on the plane of prosperity where she rightfully belong.

As one that earnestly prays for the success of the College, I sincerely hope that every brother and sister will give this subject an earnest consideration.

Ashland University.

Our Dead.

WALKER.—In the Berlin congregation, Somerset county, Pa., March 5, 1896, of typhoid pneumonia, sister Sadie, wife of Ephraim J. Walker, aged 47 years, 9 months, and 19 days. Husband and six children mourn their great loss, which is her eternal gain as she died in the hope of a blessed immortality beyond the grave. Six children have gone before, two of whom died within the last ten month. May the benediction of heaven rest upon the bereaved household is our prayer.

JOHN H. KNEPPER.

Berlin, Pa., March 9, '96.

OGDEN.—Infant daughter of William and sister Lizzie Ogden. This the last one of four children, having all died in infancy, two boys and two girls. The parents have the prayers of all God's children. The funeral of the last one was improved by our pastor sister Clara Floory.

JOSEPH ZOOK.

LONG.—In the Mount Vernon congregation, Kecksburg, Va., Daisie Viene, daughter of brother Joshua, and sister Kate Long, aged 7 years, 9 months, and 29 days. Cause, burning. Memorial services conducted by the writer, assisted by elder John Eicher of the German Baptist church. Words can not express our sense of sympathy and condolence for the bereft parents and family. May the blessings of God soothe their sorrowing hearts.

W. A. HARMAN.

Matrimonial.

SMALLEY—TALBOT.—At the home of William Kiefer on March 7, 1896, Mr. J. F. Smalley and Miss Vivie Talbot were joined in marriage by the writer.

WM. KIEFER.